

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the *Midvalley Connector Project* in surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor for this project is the *Utah Transit Authority* and this bus rapid transit route would connect the following three stations:

Murray Central Station:
5144 S. Cottonwood Street
Murray, UT 84107

Salt Lake Community College's Redwood Campus:
4600 South Redwood Road
Salt Lake City, UT 84123

West Valley Central Station:
2800 Lehman Ave
West Valley City, UT 84119

The funding is designated for *The Midvalley Connector* which is a bus rapid transit (BRT) route to connect Murray Central Station, Salt Lake Community College's (SLCC's) Redwood Road Campus, and West Valley Central Station. The 7-mile route will include 1.4 miles of center-running BRT lanes with center stations along 4700 South; urban design elements and a complete street corridor along 4500/4700 South, west of I-15 from approximately Atherton Drive to Redwood Road in Taylorsville; 15 new stations; an enhanced transit plaza at the SLCC Redwood Campus; with 10 to 15-minute bus service. UTA will use electric buses on the route.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: *This project will improve existing service, promote economic redevelopment, provide regional connections to and from light and commuter rail systems, and improves regional air quality through increased ridership and the use of electric buses. The proposed project also provides service to a Federal Opportunity Zone (Census Tract 1135.13). The project enjoys widespread public support.*

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project."

Sincerely,



Burgess Owens

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